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Dear City Counsel,

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We could not make it this evening, but wanted to make sure that we made comment on any proposals for over water structures and buffers.

## Over-water structures:

Our property has been in our family for over 60 years. Historically it was a net drying shed and cabin. This was built in the 1920's. Our family has made improvement over the years and it is our current home and rental property.

Therefore our home and deck is built over the water on the original footprint of the site.

We fear your regulations by calling us "non-conforming" will drive down the value that we have built up over the years or make problems for us later when repairs are needed.

Our property is very unique and we are respectful of the shoreline and do not want to be forced out in what we have heard that the SMP is trying to do.

When you are referencing "over water structures" on you map I only see docks. Please keep in mind that some families have homes and decks "over water" and not just docks.

We also have large mortgages attached to them so please be careful and not outlaw our homes when you are creating new rules for shoreline owners.

## Buffers:

Do not change the existing 50' buffer that we have had in place for over 16 years and your recommendation to plant new trees that will block our neighbors views.

More focus and rules should be put on upland owners and rain water and pollutants run down hill.

Sincerely.

Diane Mever